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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION CHIEF BLASTS GENSCHER AND FDP

1. AT CONFERENCE OF FUNCTIONAIRIES OF GERMAN PUBLIC SERVICE
WORKERS' UNION (OETV) IN MUNICH JANUARY 12, OETV PRESIDENT KLUNKER
WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO CRITICIZE ATTITUDE OF FDP CHAIRMAN
GENSCHER AND HIS PARTY TOWARD THE SPD AND ORGANIZED LABOR.

2. LINKING FDP WITH WHAT HE TERMED "THE PENSION CRISIS" IN
FRG, KLUNKER INDICATED THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE A CRISIS OF
CONFIDENCE BETWEEN LABOR UNIONS AND WORKERS LIKE THE "CONFIDENCE
CRISIS WHIRLPOOL" WHICH HAS ENGULFED FRG POLITICS, THE COUNTRY
WOULD BECOME "UNGOVERNABLE". IN THIS REGARD, KLUNKER CLAIMED
THAT FDP USES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXACT CONCESSIONS (ERPRESSEN)
FROM SPD RATHER THAN TO SHOW GOOD WILL TOWARD SOLVING
THE PROBLEMS FACING SPD-FDP COALITION. REFERRING TO GENSCHER'S
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CRITICISM OF OETV'S WAGE DEMANDS AT JANUARY 6 EPIPHANY MEETING
IN STUTTGART, KLUNKER CLAIMED THAT GENSCHER WAS CONCERNED FOR
FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE STATE ONLY WHEN QUESTIONS INVOLVING
WORKERS' NEEDS AROSE, WHILE NOBODY HEARD SINGLE WORD OF AP-
PREHENSION WHEN GENSCHER RECENTLY HELPED HIMSELF TO FEDERAL
BUDGET FUNDS. (N.B. KLUNKER WAS PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO WAGE
INCREASE FOR FRG PARLIAMENTARIANS.)

3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN EMPLOYEE, KLUNKER SAID
HE SEES NO RPT NO WAY OUT OF PENSION FUNDING CRISIS OTHER
THAN TO RAISE DUES PAID BY CURRENT LABOR FORCE.

4. COMMENT: KLUNKER IS LONG-TIME SPD MEMBER. HIS UNHAPPINESS
WITH FDP IS FURTHER ILLUSTRATION OF BURDEN SCHMIDT BEARS IN
KEEPING SPD RANKS UNITED WHILE ASSURING COALITION'S VIABILITY.
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